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Mr. Brian Darnell
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P.O. Box 1550
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RE: Proposal for Pre-Construction Site Assessment, Big Star Property, Harris County, Texas (Proposal)

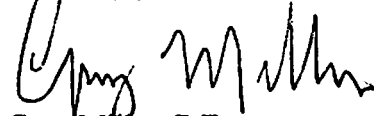
Dear Mr. Darnell:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Port of Houston have performed a review of the above referenced document dated October 13, 2011. With this letter, the EPA agrees with the Proposal with the following additions:

- 1. The Proposal includes two sediment samples within the access/egress area and adjacent to the proposed submerged land dock. Additional samples are necessary to better assess these active areas, and a minimum of five sediment samples for these areas should be included in the Site Assessment Work Plan to be submitted.**
- 2. The Site Assessment Work Plan to be submitted should include sampling and analysis methodologies that produce data of acceptable quality and are comparable to samples collected for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site (SJRWPs). Therefore, for your information, sections of the sediment sampling and analysis workplan used for SJRWPs are enclosed.**
- 3. The analysis should include dioxins and furans.**
- 4. The Site Assessment Work Plan should also include the following information:**
 - a. Amount of traffic flow projected to come to dock at the San Jacinto River Fleet (SJRF) facility.**
 - b. Depth of the area around SJRF.**
 - c. Boundary of the SJRF property.**
 - d. Provide the location on the SJRF property where the barges and tugs will moor.**
 - e. A map of the locations (including GPS coordinates) of the tentative piling locations.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-8318, or send an e-mail message to miller.garyg@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Miller', with a stylized, cursive script.

Gary Miller, P.E.
Remediation Project Manager

Enclosures

cc: Luda Voskov (TCEQ)
Bob Allen (Harris County)
Nicole Hausler (Port of Houston)
Jessica White (NOAA)